Report Summary

Problem:

Legacy Systems are an invaluable information source Need to find ways to leverage investments

Major Technical Challenges

Understanding Legacy Systems
Acquire Knowledge
Represent and formalize Knowledge
Using the Knowledge
Assessing risk

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Addressing the Challenges

Acquire the Knowledge Novel Approaches:

- Conceptual "grep"
- Multifaceted Rationale Capture
- Domain Architecture Driven Behavioral Analysis
- Cross-Disciplinary Approaches

Addressing the Challenges

Represent and Formalize Knowledge

- Human-Accessible Formal Representations
- Tool framework for Domain-Specific Knowledge Representation

Addressing the Challenges

Uses for the Knowledge

- Transformation of the Legacy System
- Impact and Risk Assessment
- Composition

Projected Outcome

- Evolution Cost and Risk Reduction
- Taking advantage of lessons learned for forward engineering
- Year 3000 prevention

Investment Strategy

- DARPA, Industry Support
 - Why DARPA?
 No more new fighter planes!
 Long-term return on investment needed
 - What other collaborations?
 Industry provides software testbeds
- What if we did not do this?

Software Industry gets exported!